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NOTE

SUBJECT Greece's relations with Bulgaria;

Concerning,- and with the belligerent powers the Under Secretary for Foreign Affairs stated he knows of nothing at present to cause anxiety.

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For the original paper from which reference is taken

See Tel. #167, 4 pm
(Despatch, telegram, instruction, letter, etc.)

Dated July 11, 1940 **From / To** Greece (MacVeagh)

File No. 740.0011 European War, 1939/4593

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NOTE

SUBJECT Great Britain does not look with favor upon Bulgaria's outlet to the Agean.

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768.74/362

For the original paper from which reference is taken

See Tel.#91, 3 p.m.
(Despatch, telegram, instruction, letter, etc.)

Dated July 26, 1940 From/To Bulgaria (Earle)

File No. 771.74/124

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NOTE

SUBJECT Bulgaria will continue policy of waiting for an egress to the Agean.
Foreign Minister informs that -.

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768.74/363

For the original paper from which reference is taken

See Tel. #121, 4 p.m.
(Despatch, telegram, instruction, letter, etc.)

Dated Sept. 19, 1940 From / To Bulgaria (Earle)

File No. 770.00/826

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SUBJECT

Rumors that Bulgaria to press claims against Greece for outlet on the Aegean Sea. Comments from the Turkish Minister regarding -.

For the original paper from which reference is taken

See Tel#156 4 p.m. Confidential File

(Despatch, telegram, instruction, letter, etc.)

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Dated Sept. 20, 1940 From Tp/ Turkey (MacMurray)

File No. 740.0011 European War 1939/5600

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NOTE

SUBJECT Bulgaria has no intention of attacking Greece but aims to satisfy her Aegean claims by peaceful means.

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768.74/365

For the original paper from which reference is taken

See Tel. #253, 5 pm
(Despatch, telegram, instruction, letter, etc.)

Dated Oct. 10, 1940 From / To Greece (MacVeagh)

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File No. 740.0011 European War, 1939/5964

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NOTE

SUBJECT Assurances from Bulgaria that they would not move against Greece.
Informed of -. B

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For the original paper from which reference is taken

See Tel. #483, noon
(Despatch, telegram, instruction, letter, etc.)

Dated Oct. 31, 1940 **From / To** Yugoslavia (Lane)

File No. 740.0011 European War, 1939/6373

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NOTE

SUBJECT Bulgaria will not attack Greece or Yugoslavia as it would not be in Germany's interest. Statement by high Foreign Office official that-

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For the original paper from which reference is taken

See Tel. #491, 7 pm
(Despatch, telegram, instruction, letter, etc.)

Dated Nov. 2, 1940 From / To Yugoslavia (Lane)

File No. 740.0011 European War, 1939/6412

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NOTE

SUBJECT Relations between Greece and Bulgaria. Coinciding with the King's visit to Hitler, the Bulgarian censorship has for the first time allowed the publication of articles in which direct references have been made to Bulgaria's claim for territorial outlet to the Aegean.

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768.74/368

For the original paper from which reference is taken

See Tel. 163- 3pm
(Despatch, telegram, instruction, letter, etc.)

Dated Nov. 20,1940 From / To Bulgaria (Earle)

File No. 762.74/62

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NOTE

SUBJECT Bulgarian Minister continues to assert that his country desires to secure an Aegean exit only by negotiation.

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768.74/369

For the original paper from which reference is taken

See Tel. #322, 6 pm
(Despatch, telegram, instruction, letter, etc.)

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Dated Nov. 20, 1940 **From / To** Greece (MacVeagh)

File No. 740.0011 European War, 1939/6798

U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE 1—1540

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NOTE

SUBJECT Relations between Greece and Bulgaria.

Assertion by Bulgarian Foreign Minister of Bulgaria's determination to preserve peace, and that Bulgaria would under no condition attack Turkey or Greece.

768.74/370

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For the original paper from which reference is taken

See Tel. #165, 4 p.m.
(Despatch, telegram, instruction, letter, etc.)

Dated November 21, 1940 From/To Bulgaria (Earle)

File No. 762.74/63

U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE 1—1540

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CROSS-REFERENCE FILE

NOTE

SUBJECT Impression in French Foreign Office that a move may be expected on the part of Bulgaria in the very near future.

Reports-

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For the original paper from which reference is taken

See Tel. #999, 2 pm
(Despatch, telegram, instruction, letter, etc.)

Dated Nov. 21, 1940 From / To France (Mattnews at Vichy)

File No. 740.0011 European War, 1939/6801

U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE 1—1540

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CROSS-REFERENCE FILE

NOTE

SUBJECT Movement of Bulgarian troops into Grecian Thrace and Grecian and Yugoslav Macedonia excepting such military zones as Salonica, Ochrid and Struga;

Official communique to be issued regarding-

768.74/372

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For the original paper from which reference is taken

See Tel. #201, noon
(Despatch, telegram, instruction, letter, etc.)

Dated April 19, 1941 **From / To** Bulgaria (Earle)

File No. 740.0011 European War, 1939/10100

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NOTE

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SUBJECT Occupation today of Thrace and Macedonia by Bulgarian troops.

Reports relative to-

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For the original paper from which reference is taken

See Tel. #203, 2 pm
(Despatch, telegram, instruction, letter, etc.)

Dated April 19, 1941 From / To Bulgaria (Earle)

File No. 740.0011 European War, 1939/10101

U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE 1—1540

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CROSS-REFERENCE FILE

NOTE

SUBJECT Severence of diplomatic relations between Greece and Bulgaria: Quotes statement made by the Greek Minister to Bulgaria to the Foreign Minister on the occasion of the -.

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For the original paper from which reference is taken

See Telegram #216 5pm
(Despatch, telegram, instruction, letter, etc.)

Dated April 23, 1941 From / To Bulgaria (Unsigned)

File No. 740.0011 European War 1939/10263

U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE 1—1540

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CROSS-REFERENCE FILE

NOTE

SUBJECT Greek note handed to the Foreign Minister breaking off relations with Bulgaria.

Reports handing of-

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768.74/3755

For the original paper from which reference is taken

See Tel. #213, noon
(Despatch, telegram, instruction, letter, etc.)

Dated Apr. 23, 1941 From / To Bulgaria (Earle)

File No. 740.0011 E.W. 1939/10233

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CROSS-REFERENCE FILE

NOTE

SUBJECT Note from the Greek Minister to the Bulgarian Government breaking diplomatic relations: Transmits copy of a -.

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For the original paper from which reference is taken

See #146
(Despatch, telegram, instruction, letter, etc.)

Dated April 25, 1941 From / To Bulgaria (Earle)

File No. 740.0011 European War, 1939/11925

U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE 1—1540

CROSS-REFERENCE FILE

NOTE

SUBJECT Invasion of Greek territories by Bulgarian armed forces: Reports a state of war exists between the Kingdoms of Greece and Bulgaria due to the-.

768.74/377

For the original paper from which reference is taken

See Note No. 2059
(Despatch, telegram, instruction, letter, etc.)

Dated June 21, 1941 From / To Greek Legation

File No. 740.0011 European War, 1939/12362

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ADVISER ON POLITICAL RELATIONS
MR. MURRAY
FEB 18 1944
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Memorandum of Conversation

ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE
FEB 25 1944
M.R. BERLE

DEPARTMENT OF STATE
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FEB 22 1944
DIVISION OF
COMMUNICATIONS AND RECORDS

DATE: December 30, 1943

SUBJECT: Russian appeal to Bulgaria to solve territorial difficulties with Yugoslavia

PARTICIPANTS: Greek Ambassador, Mr. Cimon P. Diamantopoulos;
Mr. A. A. Berle, Jr.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
JAN 1 1944
UNDER SECRETARY

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The Greek Ambassador came in to make an inquiry. He noted a declaration printed in PRAVDA and reported to the New York Times under date of December 27 (printed December 28). This was a Russian appeal to Bulgaria to get out of the war, to solve her territorial difficulties with Yugoslavia amicably to help the People's Partisans.

The Greek Ambassador noted that no reference was made to the fact that Bulgaria was occupying Greek territory--but rather gave to the Bulgarians the hope that if they behaved properly they would get a slice of Yugoslav territory, which they had claimed. He wondered if we knew anything about the background.

I said I did not.

The Greek Ambassador asked if we could find out, perhaps through Moscow, and I said I would look into the matter and see whether anything could be done.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
MAR 21 1944
DIVISION OF COMMUNICATIONS AND RECORDS
DIVISION OF NEAR EASTERN AFFAIRS

Cairo, February 28, 1944

No. 63

Subject: Greek Foreign Office reserves right to include in any Greco-Bulgarian settlement provision for full implementation of Article 126 of the treaty of Neuilly.

LEGAL ADVISER
MAR 21 1944
DEPARTMENT OF STATE

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The Honorable
The Secretary of State,
Washington.

Sir:

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I have the honor to transmit herewith a copy of Note Verbale No. 1302 dated February 16, 1944, which was received by the Embassy from the Royal Hellenic Ministry of Foreign Affairs on February 26, 1944, concerning various art treasures said to be in possession of Bulgaria.

It will be noted that the Royal Ministry advises that according to information received by the Greek Embassy in Washington various manuscripts which were taken from Greece by the Bulgarians in 1917 have not been returned despite the provisions of Article 126 of the treaty of Neuilly and that it desires to bring this matter to the attention of the Embassy with a view to reserving to the Royal Hellenic Government all rights to include in any forthcoming Greco-Bulgarian settlement a provision for the full implementation of Article 126 of that treaty, with specific reference to the possible restitution of the Eikosiphoenissa Library.

768.74/3775

In acknowledging receipt of this communication, the Embassy has informed the Royal Ministry that a copy thereof has been transmitted to the Department of State.

Respectfully yours,

Lincoln MacVeagh

Lincoln MacVeagh

Enclosure:
Note Verbale No. 1302

Sent in hectograph to Department
File no. 350
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AIR MAIL

No. 1302

Enclosure to despatch no. 63 dated February 28, from the American Embassy, Cairo, re Greek right to provide for implementation of Article 126 of the treaty of Neuilly.

NOTE VERBALE

The Royal Hellenic Ministry for Foreign Affairs begs to inform the Embassy of the United States of America that, according to a memorandum addressed to the Royal Hellenic Embassy in Washington by Dr. Alexander Turyn, professor of Classical Litterature, an important collection of ancient and mediaeval Greek manuscripts, robbed by the Bulgarians in Greek Macedonia in 1917 are still held at the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences in spite of the special clause of the Treaty of Neuilly imposing the restitution of art treasures seized by the Bulgarians in Greece during the war.

The collection of Greek manuscripts of the Monastery of the Blessed Virgin, at Eikossiphoenissa, near Drama, numbering 420 manuscripts, was taken away by the Bulgarians during their invasion of Greek Macedonia in 1917, and was not returned, in spite of the above-mentioned article 126 of the Treaty of Neuilly, except for 9 manuscripts which were found amongst the manuscripts of the Monastery of St. John the Baptist, near Serres, returned from Sophia to the National Library at Athens, 1924.

The German theologian Albert Ehrhard found, in March-april 1918, in Sophia, at the Academy of Sciences, a large collection of Greek manuscripts of which he identified subsequently some of them as originating from the library of Eikosiphoenissa, Ehrhard's inquiries about the fate of the above collection was not answered by the Bulgarian Academy. That Sophia collection numbered, in the spring of 1918, 230 parchment and 450 paper manuscripts. The fact that the total of the Eikosiphoenissa and the Serres libraries, of which the latter was returned to Athens, had been according to public catalogues, precisely 261 parchment and 431 paper manuscripts, supports the belief that the whole of the Eikosiphoenissa collection was in Sophia in 1918 and still remains there, except for a few manuscripts which were returned to Athens and a few which appeared later on the European market.

Published catalogues of the Eikosiphoenissa collection are the following:

A. Papadopoulos-Kerameus: "Report of Palaeographic and Archaeological research in Thrace and Macedonia, conducted in 1885 for the Mavrogordatian Library". Published in Constantinople by the Hellenic Litterary society, Archaeological Committe, Annex of volume XVI (1886), pp. 3-64.

Spyridon Lambros, "Neos Hellenomnemon", 17 (1923) pp. 308-311.

Aghathanggelos Maghnis, "The Eikosiphoenissa of Mount Pangaeon (Drama, 1916), pp. 118 ff.

Information

Information on manuscripts returned by Bulgaria to Greece: L.N. Politis "Ellinika" 4(1931) pp. 525-526.

The situation in Sofia is explained by Albert Ehrhard, "Uberliefe[illegible] und Bestand der hagiographischen und homiletisch[illegible] Literatur der griechischen Kirche. Erster Teil, I. Band (Texte and Untersuchungen zur Geschichte der altchristlichen Literatur, 50, Leipzig, 1937) pp. XXXIX-XL and LIV.

Experts to be eventually consulted: Prof. Socrate Kougeas, Athens; Prof. G. A. Sotiriou, Athens; Dr. L.N. Politis, Athens.

In bringing the above to the notice of the Embassy of the United States of America, the Royal Hellenic Ministry for Foreign Affairs wishes to reserve for the Royal Hellenic Government all rights of including into the next Greco-Bulgarian instruments a provision towards the full implementation of art. 126 of the Treaty of Neuilly, and specifically towards the possible restitution of the Eikosiphoenissa Library.

Cairo, February 16th, 1944.

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CROSS-REFERENCE FILE

NOTE

SUBJECT Greek Ambassador informed Department yesterday he expected his Government to seek American and British support concerning inducing USSR to exert its influence with Bulgaria for withdrawal of Bulgarian forces from Greek Macendonia.

Informs that -.

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For the original paper from which reference is taken

See Tel. #2939, ESDEL #17, Midnight
(Despatch, telegram, instruction, letter, etc.)

Dated April 13, 1944 From / To Great Britain

File No. 740.0011 Stettinius Mission/22b

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768.74/10-1744

CROSS-REFERENCE FILE

NOTE

SUBJECT

Greek pamphlet against Bulgaria. Encloses mineographed broadside circulated by the Greek Charge d'Affaires in Stockholm.

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For the original paper from which reference is taken

See #4312
(Despatch, telegram, instruction, letter, etc.)

Dated Oct. 17, 1944 From / xxTo xxx Sweden

File No. 740.0011 E.W./10-1744

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768.74/10-2144

CROSS-REFERENCE FILE

NOTE

SUBJECT Excerpts from an article written from Kavalla by SVENSKA'S regarding boundary of Greece and Bulgaria.

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For the original paper from which reference is taken

See AGM#909
(Despatch, telegram, instruction, letter, etc.)

Dated Oct. 21, 1944 From/To Sweden

File No. 858.9111RR/10-2144

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